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**INCREASED FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON FREIGHT RAIL THREATEN  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

Dear Chairman Elliott,

*Ex Parte 705*

My name is John J. Nardi. I am the Senior Vice President, Corporate Operations, Hapag-Lloyd (America), Inc., a major global transportation company with operations throughout the United States and 800 employees nationwide. Hapag-Lloyd utilizes intermodal services on the eastern and western railroads in the United States to bring imported consumer goods to major markets and export U.S. agricultural and manufactured goods to markets around the world. We are able to serve our customers effectively because of the strong investments in capacity and intermodal terminals that the US railroads have made over the past two decades. We and our customers who employ thousands of U.S. citizens depend upon an efficient, cost-effective global supply chain, including the railroads.

We support a healthy freight rail network that supports job growth and continued economic recovery and we oppose any policy changes that hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail system.

A change in direction would be devastating to our industry, those it employs and the customers we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

HAPAG-LLOYD (AMERICA) INC.

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